

Minutes of the Property Committee Meeting

The Property Committee of the McLean County Board met on Thursday, May 4, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Bostic, Members Harding, Dean, Ahart and Moss

Members Absent: Member Selzer

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator; Ms. Jude LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator

Department Heads/
Elected Officials

Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, Director, Parks and Recreation; Mr. Jack Moody, Director, Facilities Management Department

Others Present: None

Chairman Bostic called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Chairman Bostic presented the Minutes of the April 6, 2006 Property Committee meeting and the March 21, 2006 Stand-up Committee meeting. Hearing no objections or corrections, Chairman Bostic accepted and placed the minutes on file as submitted.

Mr. Bill Wasson, Director, Parks and Recreation, reviewed his general report. He noted that overnight camping remains consistent with previous years. Mr. Wasson reported that there is a significant increase in watercraft registrations, primarily due to the good publicity received regarding the quality of the fishery. He indicated that this is close to a record pace on watercraft reservations this year.

Mr. Wasson noted that the Geese Management Project was completed for this year, with a transfer of almost 140 goose eggs from Evergreen Lake to Southern Illinois under a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Permit. He reported that Phase Two of the electrical renovation work at COMLARA Park has been completed, except for some groundwork that will be finished as the ground dries.

Mr. Wasson advised that, as of yesterday, all camp sites at COMLARA Park are booked for the Memorial Day weekend.

Ms. Harding asked what is the status of the Triathlon. Mr. Wasson replied that the Triathlon was approved last fall and will be held in July at COMLARA Park.

Chairman Bostic asked if the boat registrations are tracked in terms of out of County and County registrations. Mr. Wasson replied that the registration cost per year for out of County registrations is \$45.00 and \$35.00 for County residents. He estimated that the split runs approximately 50-50. Mr. Wasson stated that he would review the numbers and provide more information to the Committee next month.

Chairman Bostic asked if Woodford County residents get a discount on the registration since the lake runs into Woodford County. Mr. Wasson replied that Woodford County residents have asked, but a discount is not given because the Park receives McLean County property tax revenues.

Chairman Bostic asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none, she thanked Mr. Wasson.

Mr. Moody presented a status report on the Government Center Coffee Shop. He advised the Committee that there are currently no vendors interested in managing a coffee shop in the Government Center. Mr. Moody stated that he sent out nine letters to possible vendors and met with two of the vendors. One vendor decided to build a coffee shop on the East side of Bloomington and the other one has not responded. Chairman Bostic recommended that the coffee shop project not be pursued any further.

Mr. Dean asked what this would do to the plumbing and electrical upgrades that were planned as part of the third floor renovation. Mr. Moody replied that the coffee shop infrastructure was an alternate bid and would only be funded if the coffee shop should become a reality.

Mr. Moody reviewed the remodeling project on the third floor of the Government Center. He noted the following:

- Pre-bid conference for general and sub-contractors is scheduled for Monday, May 15th, 1:30 p.m. in the Government Center basement dining room;
- Bid Opening is Wednesday, May 24th, 2:00 p.m. in the Government Center basement dining room;
- Contractors and sub-contractors can pick up copies of the bid manual and bid documents and drawings at the office of Young Architects;
- As of yesterday, four contractors and several sub-contractors have picked up the documents;
- Third Floor will be occupied by the City of Bloomington Engineering Department and the design was determined by their specifications;
- Mechanical systems will be upgraded for the Third Floor during this renovation;

- Contracts could potentially be entered into by the end of June or early July and construction could begin by the end of July or early August.

Chairman Bostic reported that the newspaper stated that the bid opening was May 18th. Mr. Moody replied that the bid advertisement was prepared by Mr. David Wochner, Attorney for the PBC, and the architecture firm has since amended the date and the contractors have been informed that the May 18th date was incorrect.

Mr. Moody reviewed the remodeling project at the Law and Justice Center, noting the following:

- Tour for general and sub-contractors is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17th, 1:30 p.m. beginning in the EMA Room in the basement of the Law and Justice Center and will be hosted by the architects and engineers;
- Seventh Floor renovation is Phase One of the project, followed by the first floor, sixth floor and other aspects of the renovation, including exterior work;
- Bid Opening is Wednesday, May 31st, 2:00 p.m. in the Government Center basement dining room;
- Contracts could potentially be entered into by the end of June or early July and construction could begin by the end of July or early August and the renovations will extend into most of 2007.

Ms. Harding asked if Ms. Catherine Dunlap, Director, Bloomington Downtown Association, is aware of the County's interest in having a coffee shop in the Government Center. She recommended that Ms. Dunlap be notified since she may be able to help identify interested vendors. Mr. Moody indicated that he would notify Ms. Dunlap of the County's interest.

Chairman Bostic asked if there were any further questions or comments for Mr. Moody. Hearing none, she thanked him.

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, announced that Mr. Selzer had requested that a discussion be held regarding parking for visitors to the Sheriff's Department, particularly the jail. Since Mr. Selzer was not in attendance, the item was put aside. Mr. Dean suggested that, since the parking lot will be renovated, it is not necessary to discuss the parking until that time, if necessary. Mr. Moss asked what is the issue regarding parking. Mr. Zeunik replied that the concern is a lack of convenient free parking for visitors conducting business or visiting inmates in the jail.

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Mr. Zeunik suggested that, in light of the bid openings scheduled at the end of May, it would be advantageous to move the Property Committee meeting from June 1st to June 8th. He stated that this would allow the bid information to be available for the meeting. The Committee members agreed to move the meeting to Thursday, June 8th. Chairman Bostic announced that she will be out of town on June 1st and may not return in time for the June 8th meeting.

Chairman Bostic presented the April 30, 2006 Property Committee bills, which have been reviewed and recommended for transmittal to the Property Committee by the County Auditor. The Property Committee Pending Total is \$5,335.55 and the Prepaid Total is \$352,038.36 for a Fund Total of \$357,373.91.

Motion by Dean/Harding to recommend approval of the bills as of April 30, 2006, which have been reviewed and recommend for transmittal by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

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Chairman Bostic asked if there was any other business or communication for the Property Committee. Hearing none, Chairman Bostic adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary